सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) और (ख) घाटी की वर्तमान परिस्थितियों को देखते हुए अस्थायी उपाय के रूप में, दिनांक 5-3-1990 से समाचार यूनिट को जम्मू से चलाने व्यावहारिक समझा गया। अन्यथा दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, श्रीनगर कार्य कर रहा है।

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2385. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reintroduce Madras—Singapore shipping service by Shipping Corporation of India or any other agency;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start Gulf-Cochin ship service; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the details of the service?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. has been asked to conduct feasibility studies on operation of Shipping services on Madras-Singapore and Cochin-Gulf sectors. Government are also prepared to encourage private sector in organising shipping services on Madras—Singapore and Cochin-Gulf sectors, if the Government receive such proposals.

Stock-Piling of Iron Ore at different ports

2386. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a stock-piling of iron ore at different pit-heads of different ports in the country;

(b) if so, the port-wise position as on 30th April, 1990;

(c) the steps taken to clear the stocks; and

(d) the details of the specific order placed to different ports for the export of iron ore?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Except at Visakhapatnam Port, the stock of iron ore to the Major Ports exporting iron ore is not beyond the level required to meet the operational requirements.

(b) The port-wise position as on 30-4-90 of iron ore stock at the various ports handling iron ore is:—

(in Lakh tonnes

(i)	Visakhapatnam . .	6.35
(ii)	New Mangalore . .	1.19
(iii)	Mormugao . . .	4.52
(iv)	Madras . . .	2.68
(v)	Paradip . . .	2.51

(c) and (d) Clearance of stock of iron ore depends, among other things, on adequate nomination of vessels for lifting the iron ore. Lack of adequate nomination of vessels is the main reason for building up large stocks at certain ports. The matter has been taken up by the Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation, which is the agency exporting iron ore through Visakhapatnam Port.